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25X1A STAFF MEETING MINUTES -- 8 November 1960

PRESENT: Col. Beerli  
Mr. Cunningham  
Mr. Parangosky

Mr. Kiefer

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1. UGF Campaign Closes -- Col. Beerli expressed his appreciation to the members of the staff for generous support of the UGF drive. He requested that each branch and section chief pass his personal note of thanks to all the members of their units; for the first time DPD exceeded the 100% quota in the amount of money contributed and pledged. A final report will be issued next week.

2. Agreed Division Plans -- Col. Beerli again emphasized a point that has been stressed in previous Staff Meetings, namely, that once an agreed position has been settled within the Division it should not be arbitrarily changed by any one section or branch without coordination with the Office of the Chief. This is based on the fact that all plans are signed off by Col. Beerli, or approved by him verbally, and should stand as proposed until or unless modified by the same process. If a change is made with the approval of Col. Beerli, he will take the responsibility of disseminating any change to the sections affected thereby.

3. Project IDEALIST -- The attention of all personnel was drawn to DPD Memorandum Number 7861-60, which outlines the mission of Project IDEALIST.

4. [REDACTED] -- Midway in the Staff Meeting Mr. Cunningham returned from a telephone call from Mr. Bissell to advise that the White House had approved the activation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then gave a run-down of preparations to activate the Detachment. Contractors have been called together and will meet at Edwards on 14 November to formulate staging plans. Following the Staff Meeting, [REDACTED] proposed the following timetable for consideration:

17 November

One Administrative Officer, one Security Officer, supply and material personnel arrive new base.

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22 November	The Commander and advance staff echelons consisting mainly of Commo, Security, and Supply personnel arrive.	
28 November	One Lockheed crew arrives.	
30 November	Article 342 with instructor in place.	
3 December	First functional flight.	25X1C
4 December	Begin transition [REDACTED]	
5 December	Balance of personnel arrive.	
20 December	Detachment operational.	
29 December	Second article arrives.	

It may be observed from above planning that the time schedule has slipped very little since the initial stages in order to adhere as closely as possible to original plans. [REDACTED] the Detachment Commander, is now enroute to Edwards. It is planned that he will remain there to check out in the aircraft, assemble the Detachment, and proceed [REDACTED] in order to meet the dates specified above. Also enroute to Edwards are [REDACTED] advance Security Officer for the Detachment, [REDACTED] (Personnel), Mr. [REDACTED] (Travel). The last three will discuss with appropriate Lockheed officials and with cleared passport officials the cover and personnel requirements that must be agreed upon prior to departure for the Detachment for overseas. [REDACTED] will also discuss the means of having Lockheed [REDACTED].

In view of the approval granted to the Detachment to activate immediately, steps will have to be taken to coordinate with Col. Geary's office the furnishing of POL ground maintenance equipment and staging airlift. Another subject that must be discussed with Col. Geary is whether or not the Air Force has any particular point of view relative to the processing of take.

6. Status of Detachment B -- The grounding of aircraft at Detachment B is still in effect. A current proposal being considered would have the Detachment run ELINT missions along the western periphery of the USSR. If this program is approved, it will take six to eight months' notification to obtain equipment

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necessary to do the job. With this in mind, a decrease in B personnel strength would appear to be in order. Immediately prior to the Staff Meeting a session was held, chaired by [REDACTED], with the intent of making firm recommendations to Col. Beerli regarding reduction in strength at Detachment B. These proposals will be reviewed and then a final recommendation made to Mr. Bissell for approval. (COMMENT: The proposal has been made and Mr. Bissell concurs in reducing Detachment B to a holding force only at this time.)

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7. Status of Detachment G -- Col. Beerli announced that Detachment G at Edwards many now be considered operationally ready. This is based on the fact that the Detachment recently flew an operational sortie, known as KICK OFF, which was conducted very well. There were a few rough spots, but this was because the operation marked the first attempt of what was formerly an R & D unit to carry out strictly operational missions.

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8. Reassignment of Special Equipment -- As a result of the formation of the Detachment [REDACTED] and the contemplated austere program at Detachment B, it is planned to move Systems VI from the latter to the former. At the present time, the Project has three such systems with one additional being built up. Of the three, it is planned to put two [REDACTED] and one at Edwards. 25X1A

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9. J-75 Modification Program -- Mr. Parangosky reported that an activity program is being drawn up to authorize the modification of two U-2's for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The program will also include a request for funds to establish two ground stations to handle the [REDACTED] 25X1A In addition to these modifications, funds will also be requested to ultimately equip seven aircraft to accommodate [REDACTED]. Another section of the program will cover a quotation on the cost of modification kits required to enable the J-75's to restart. 25X1A

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[REDACTED] commented that due to the proposed modifications relative to [REDACTED] an already existing program to standardize wiring in the aircraft will be delayed. He pointed out that due to the variances in the equipment, the aircraft wiring was not standard; the same situation will probably prevail in view of installation of plumbing for [REDACTED] and equipment for [REDACTED] both of which could create changes in existing wiring. 25X1A

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10. Status of Detachment [REDACTED] -- A total of 40 support flights have been flown in support of [REDACTED] by Detachment I at Eglin according to the report submitted by [REDACTED]. In addition, some of Detachment I's personnel and equipment have been moved to the [REDACTED] training site. [REDACTED] further reported that as of 6 November, eleven combat qualified indigenous 25X1A 25X1A

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██████████ announced that he is currently writing a paper spelling out the mission of ██████████. This paper will be circulated internally in ██████████ in an effort to stimulate comments from the sections concerned.

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OTHER COMMENTS:

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16. ██████████ again requested that whenever a staging operation is about to take place his office be notified. He pointed out that ██████████ was being conducted through Edwards without any increase in Edwards funds due to the fact that Finance was unaware of the program.

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17. A meeting with the Bureau of the Budget will be held this date to discuss the 1962 Air Section portion of the budget. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the variance between FY 1961 and FY 1962 figures and explain the increase.

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18. ██████████ has been assigned to the Division as a replacement for ██████████ who will be reassigned in approximately ten days to accept an overseas position.

19. Col. Beerli reported that the T/O paper is now in final format, and he hopes to review it with Mr. Bissell in the very near future after discussing with Materiel certain additions requested by that Branch.

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20. The space situation in DPD continues acute. It was learned this week that the anticipated allocation of space on the first floor of this building has been denied temporarily to the Agency and turned over to Treasury. According to GSA, it will be available 1 January 1962. In view of the uncertainty of this allocation, Administration and ██████████ will continue to seek suitable space in the immediate vicinity.

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